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HUNTING INCIDENT REPORT**



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## 2008 Hunting Incident Report Executive Report

**Hunting Incident -- is when a person is injured by the discharge of a hunting firearm or bow and arrow arising from the activity of hunting, including travel to and from the hunting field.**

There were 30 total hunting incidents during the 2008 hunting season. Two were fatal. Thanks to the efforts of our hunter education program hunting is a safe activity in Wisconsin. Hunting incidents are continuing a downward trend and for 2008 we were below the 10 year average of about 45 incidents per year.

Gun deer hunting, pheasant hunting and waterfowl hunting were the three hunting activities with the highest number of incidents with gun deer hunting having the most. Turkey hunting involved only 1 incident showing a decrease. Grouse and squirrel hunting remained basically the same compared to 2007.

Rifles and shotguns remain the hunting implement involved most often in hunting incidents. Shotguns continue the trend of being involved more often (60%) than rifles.

Major causes for incidents for 2008 include: Trigger caught on object and victim out of sight of shooter.

Self inflicted injuries accounted for 54% of the total number of incidents. This is a significant change as over time about 33% of all incidents have been self inflicted injuries.

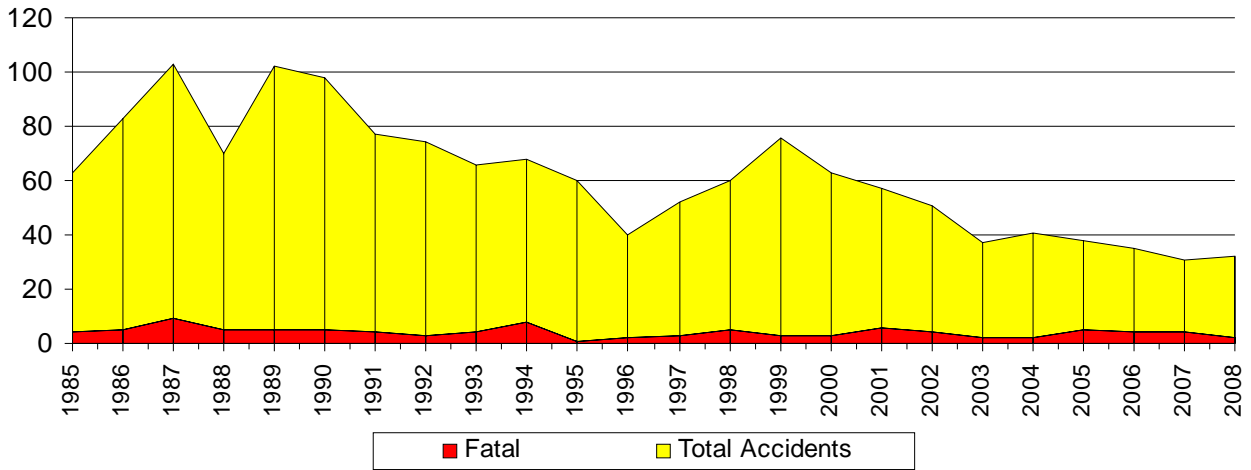
Juveniles (under age 18) caused 13% of the total number of hunting incidents. That means that 87% of all hunting incidents were caused by adult hunters. This continues a significant drop in the incident rate for juveniles causing hunting incidents. Historically juveniles have contributed to nearly 33% of the total numbers of incidents.

To summarize this report, hunters, education instructors, sportsman organizations, and Conservation Wardens should be congratulated for making 2008 a safe year to hunt in Wisconsin. We were well below the 10 year average for hunting incidents and expect to continue that trend into the future. Self-inflicted injuries and incidents during deer drives were significant issues in 2008. While this is one of the safest seasons ever we cannot rest on past success and must stress the importance of knowing and practicing the 4 basic rules of firearms safety every time we handle a firearm. Remember the slogan "Safe Hunting is No Accident." Let's make 2009 the safest season ever.

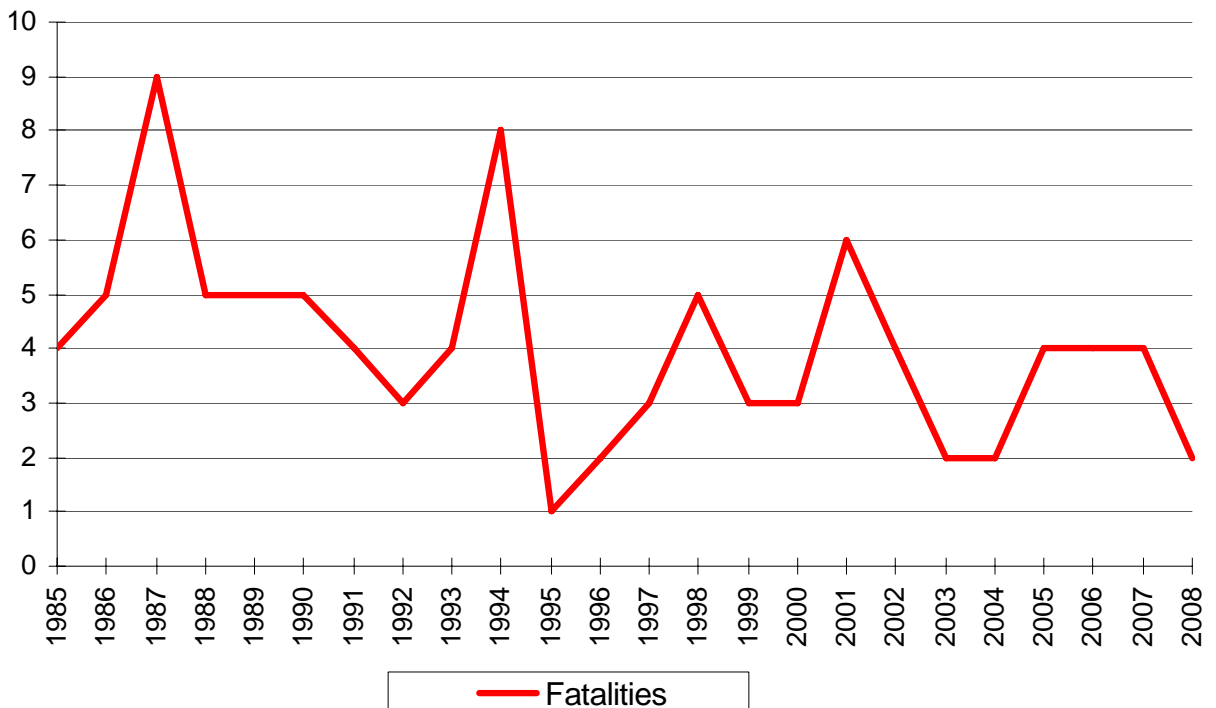
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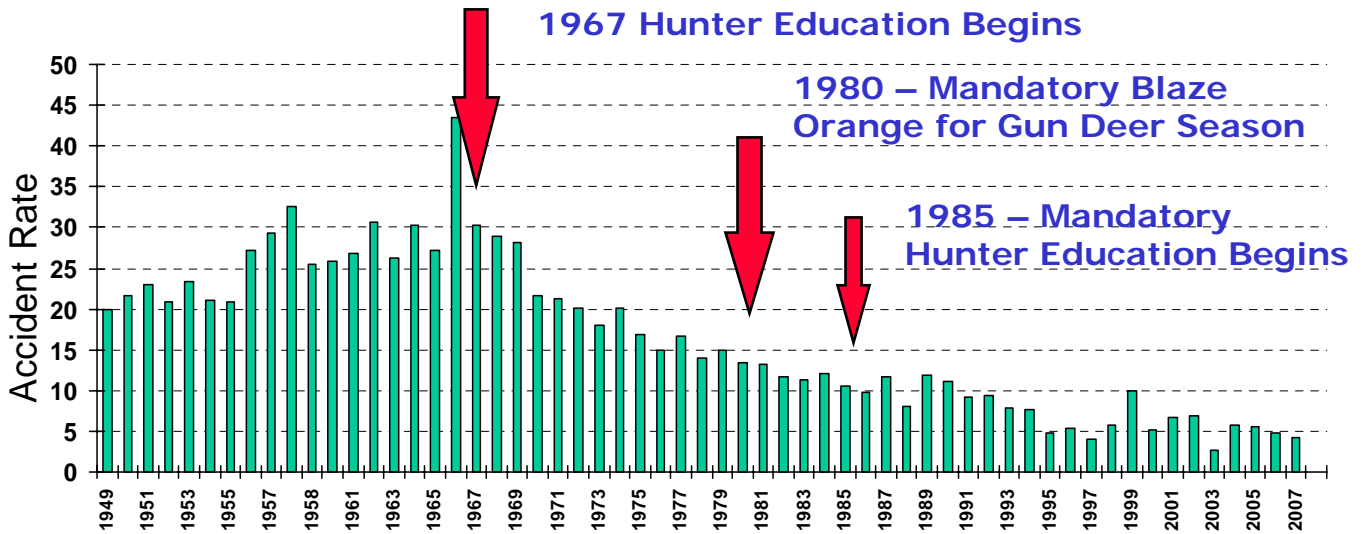
# History of Hunting Incidents



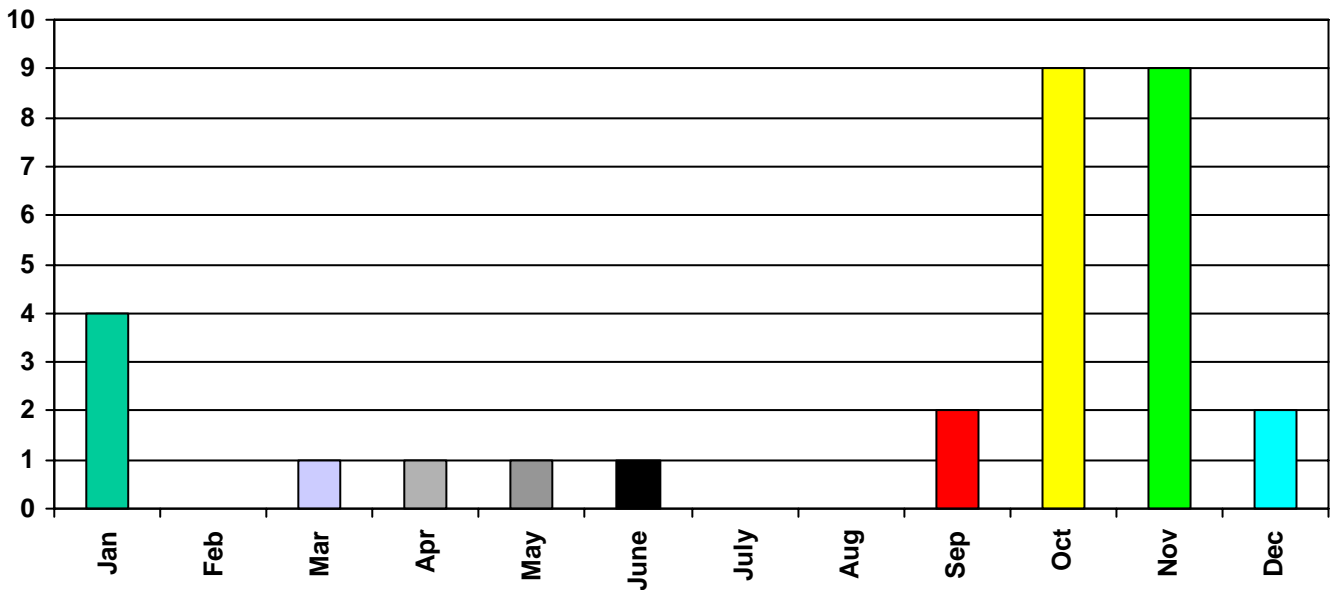
# History of Fatalities



# Wisconsin Hunting Incident Rate Per 100,000 Hunters

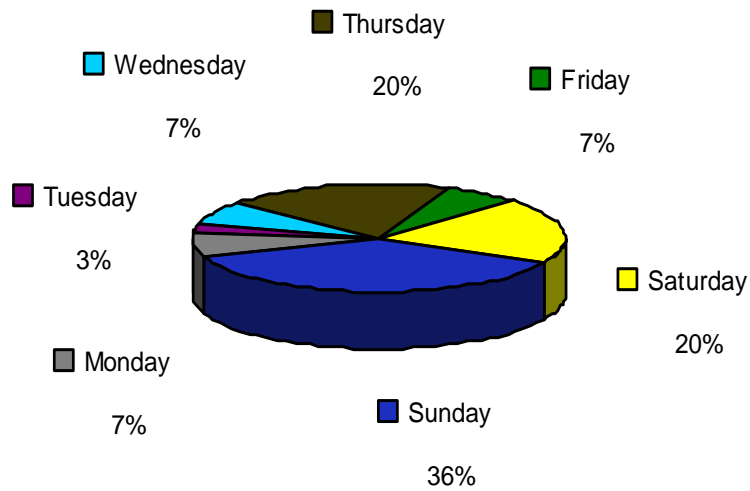


## Month of Incident All Incidents 2008



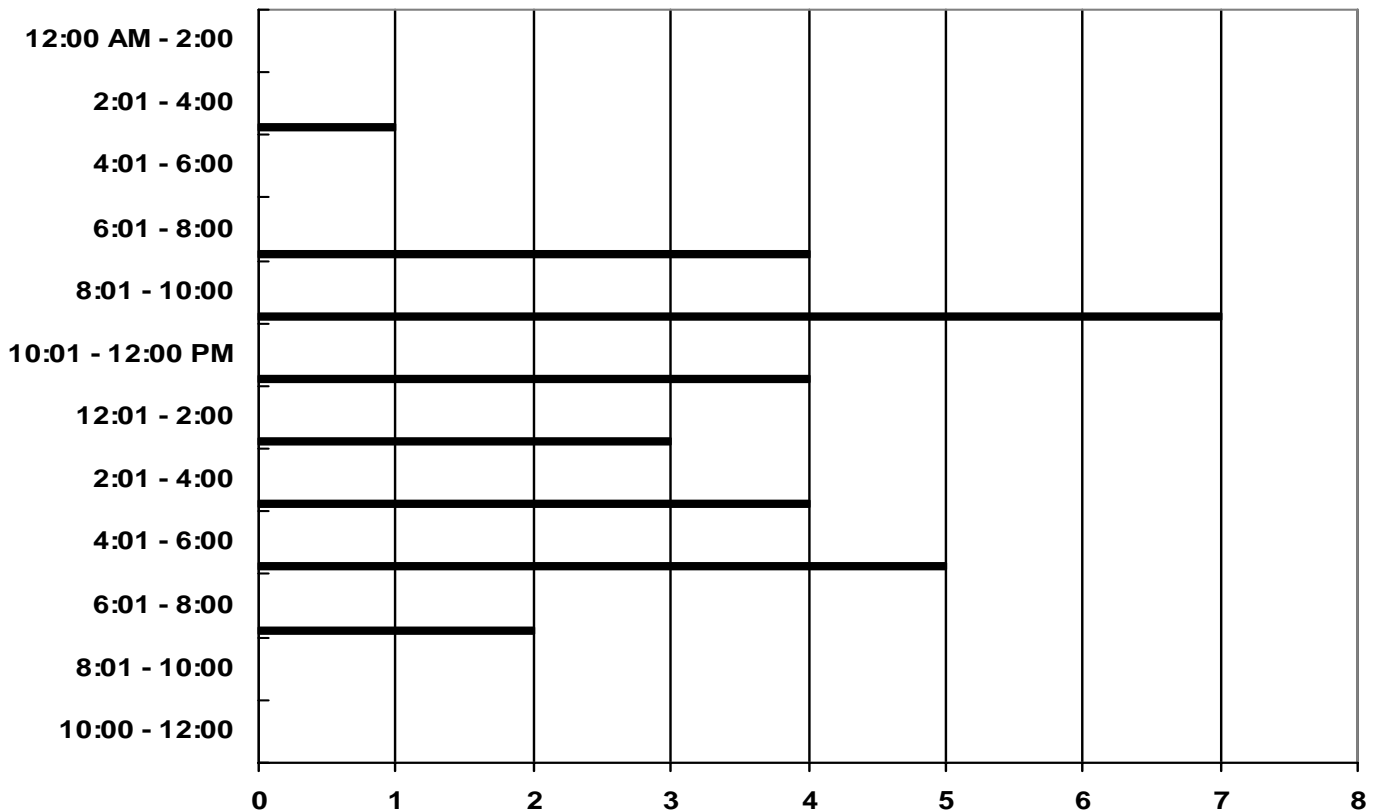
# Incidents by Day of Week

All Incidents 2008



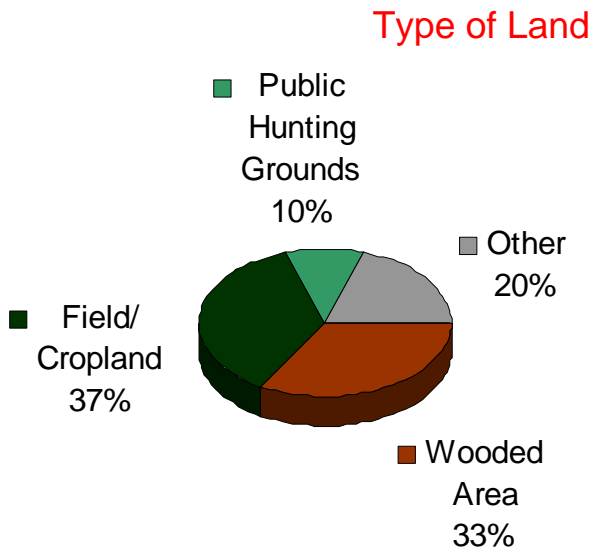
# Time of Day

All Incidents 2008



# Where Incidents Occurred

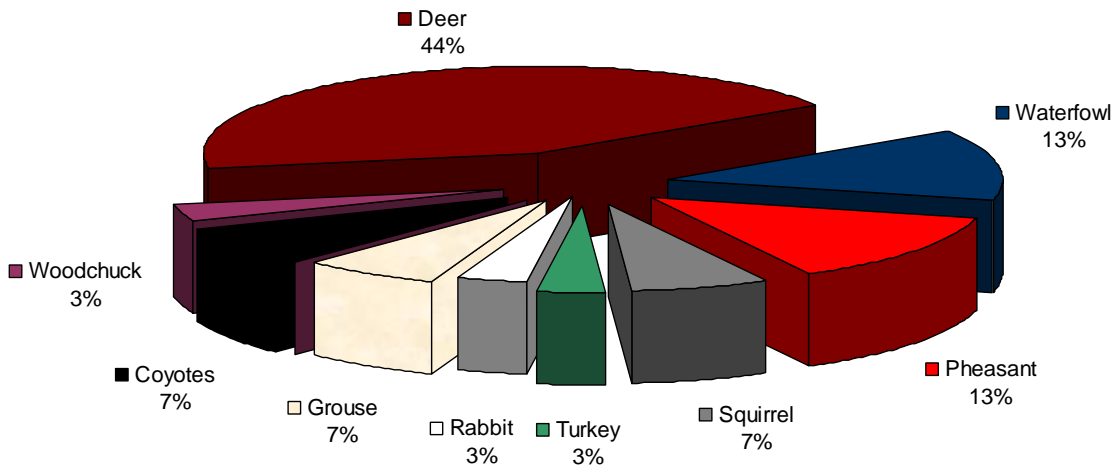
All Incidents 2008



Other Includes:	
Creek	1
Game Farm	0
Garden/Yard	1
Open Area	0
Marsh	1
Roadway/	2
Right of Way	
On Road in	1
Vehicle	

# Animals Hunted by Shooter

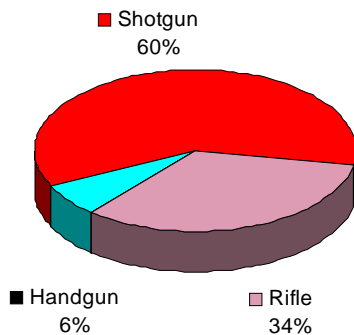
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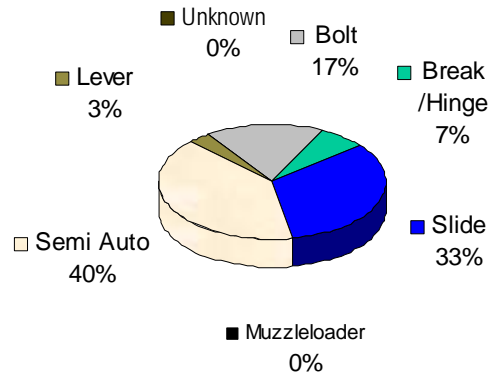
# Firearms Involved in Incidents

All Incidents 2008

Type

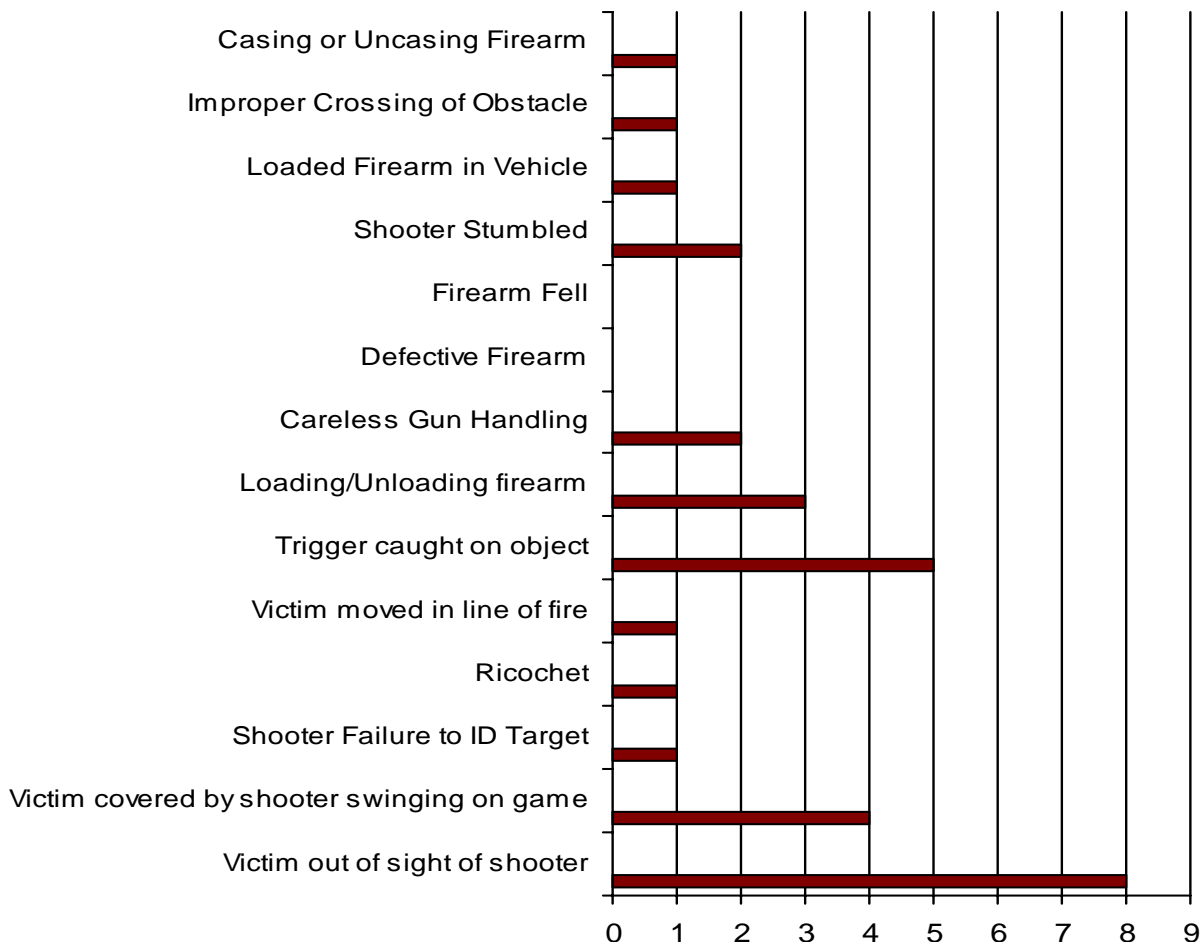


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## Contributing Factors to Incidents

All Incidents 2008

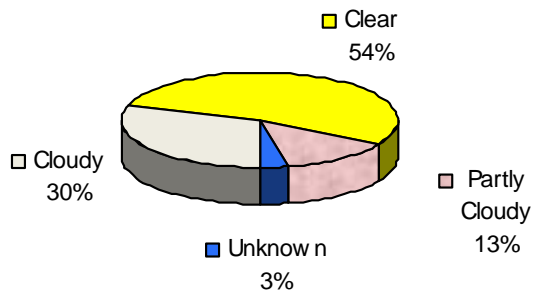




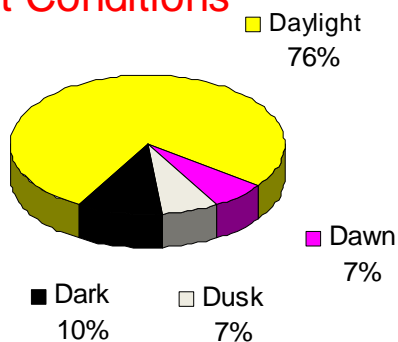
# Incident Conditions

All Incidents 2008

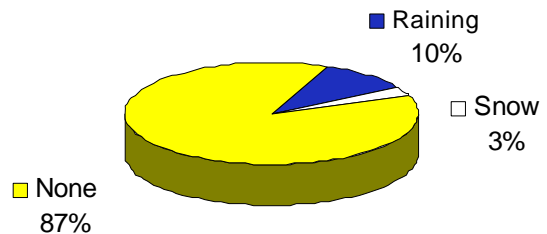
## Weather



## Light Conditions



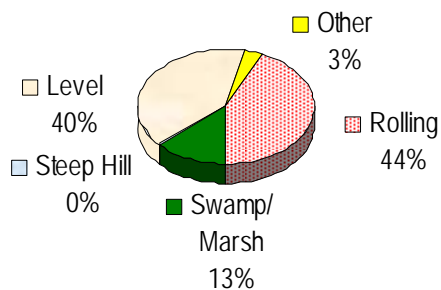
## Precipitation



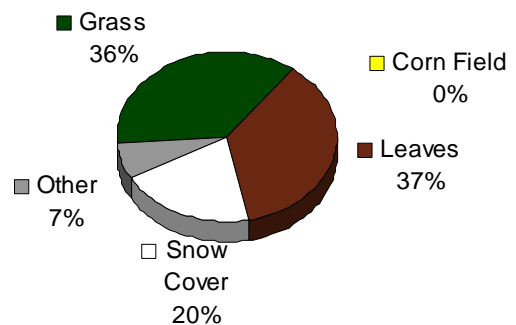
# Incident Conditions

All Incidents 2008

## Topography



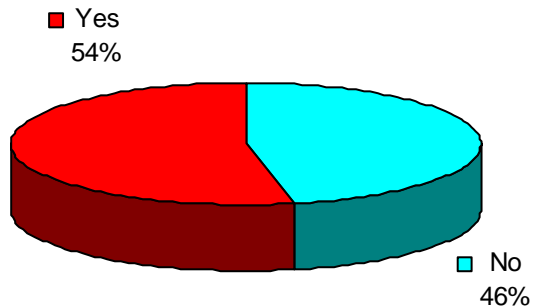
## Ground Cover



# Incident Statistics

All Incidents 2008

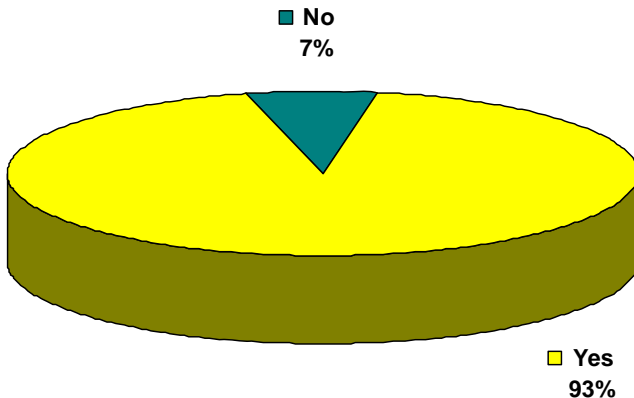
## Self Inflicted



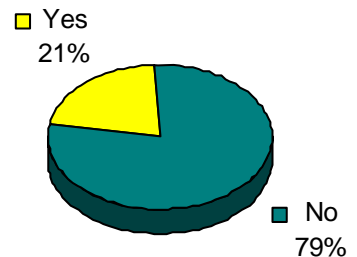
# Shooter/Victim Information

Two-Party Incidents 2008

## Members of the Same Hunting Party (includes self-inflicted injuries)



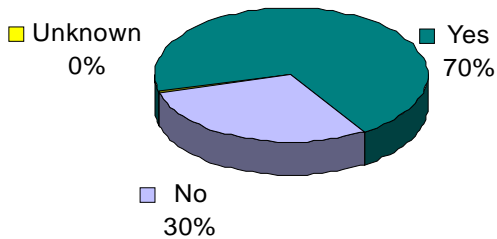
## Could Shooter See Victim?



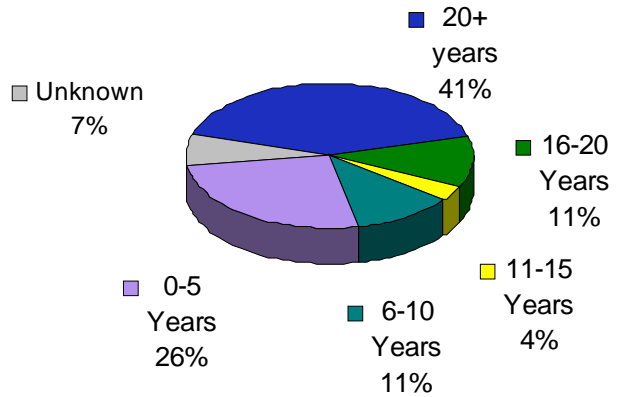
# Incident Shooter Statistics

All Incidents 2008

Hunter Education Graduate?



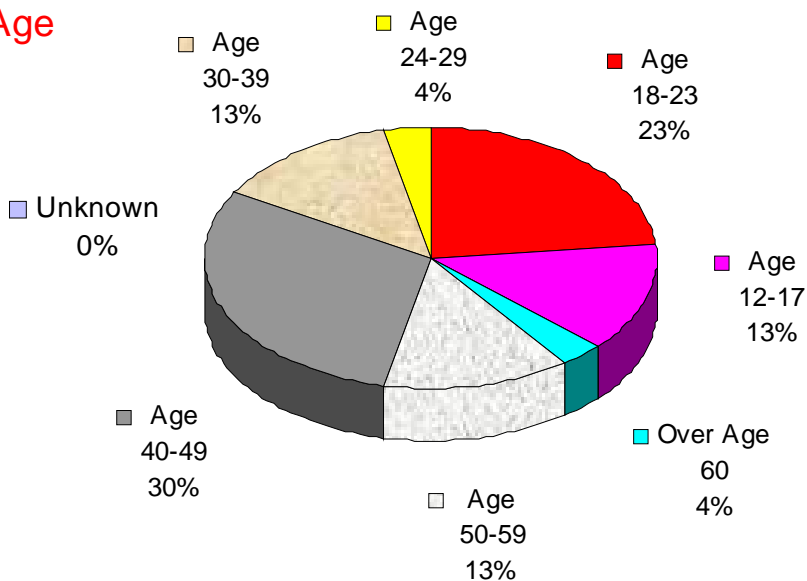
Years of Hunting Experience



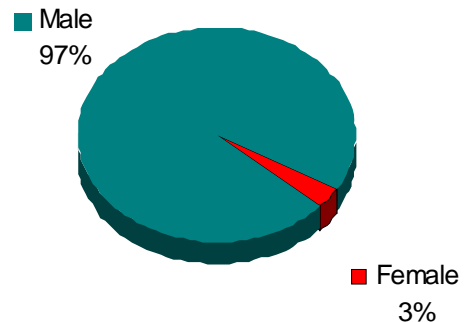
# Incident Shooter Statistics

All Incidents 2008

Age

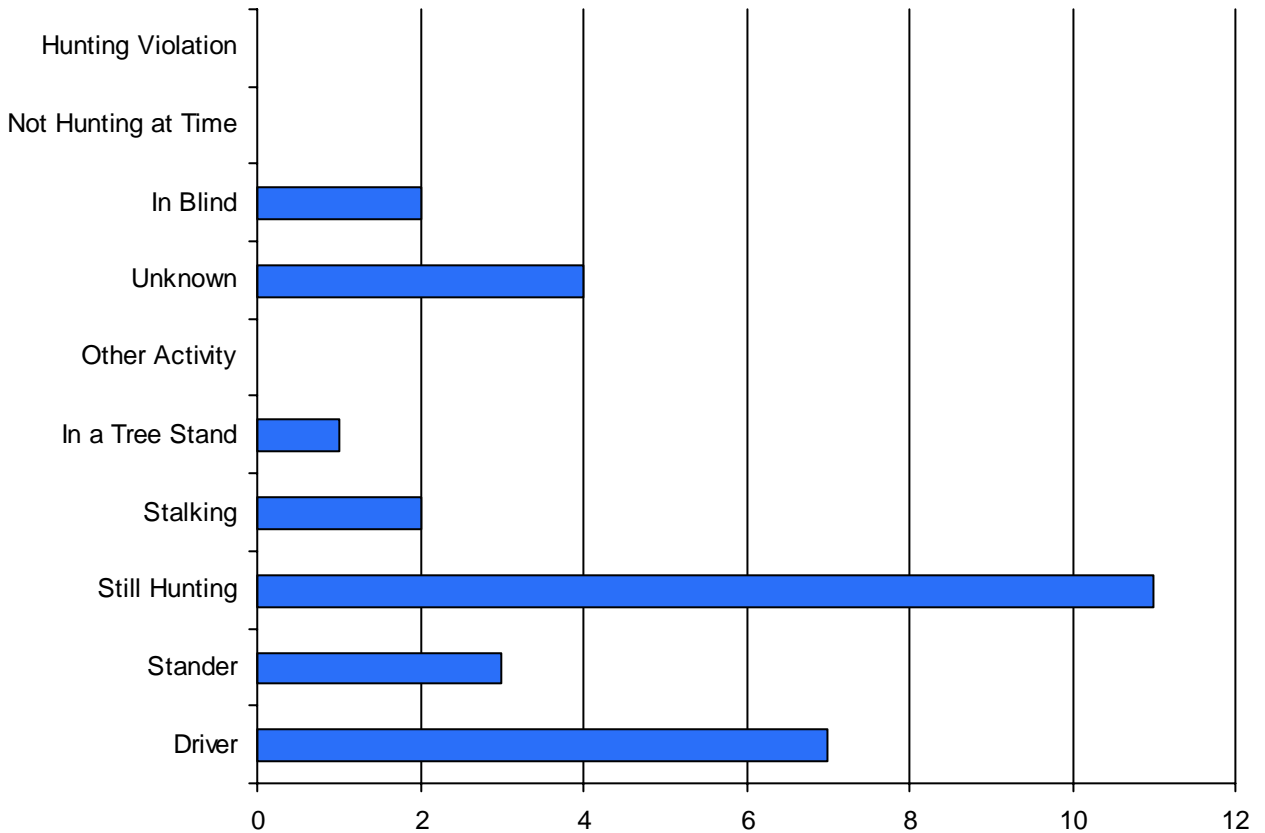


Gender



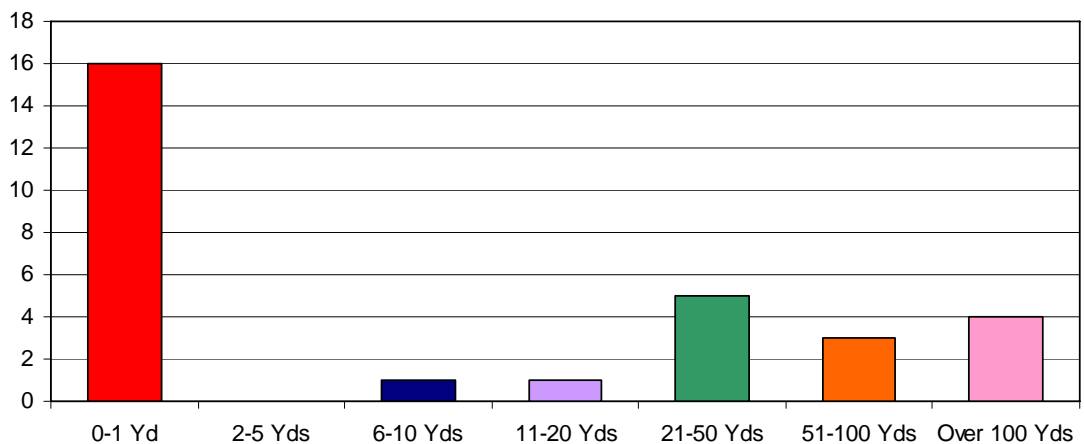
# Activity Shooter Was Involved In

All Incidents 2008



## Distance From Muzzle to Wound

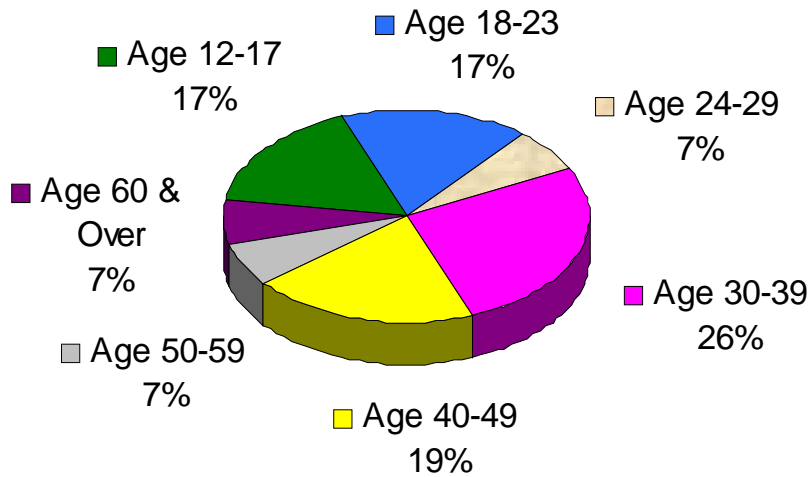
All Incidents 2008  
Includes Self Inflicted



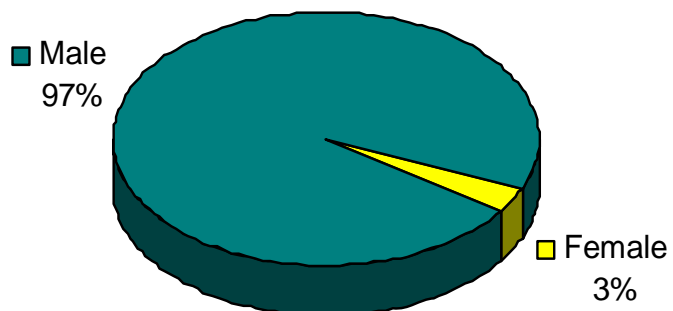
# Incident Victim Statistics

All Incidents 2008

## Age

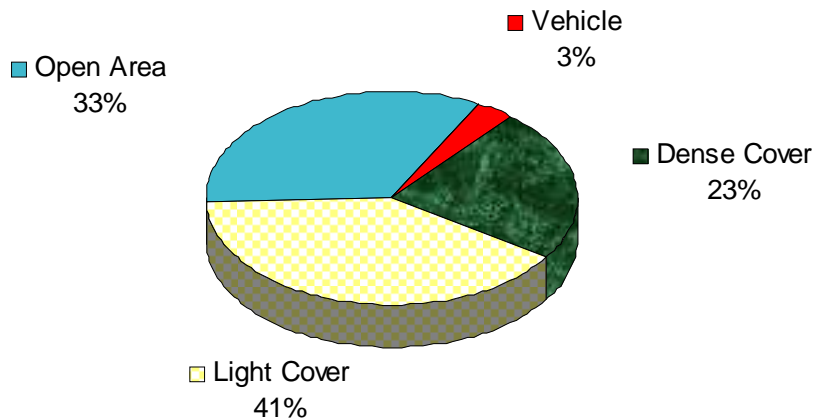


## Gender



# Incident Victim Surroundings

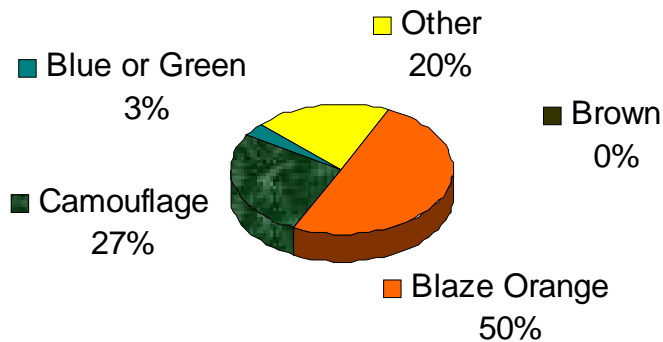
## Two-Party Incidents 2008



# Incident Victim Clothing Color

## Two-Party Incidents 2008

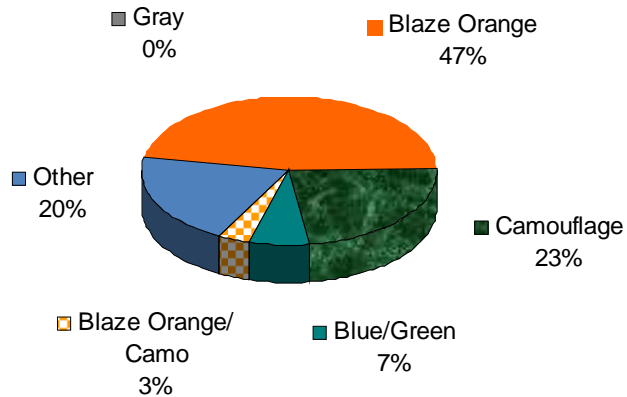
Cap



# Incident Victim Clothing Color

Two-Party Incidents 2008

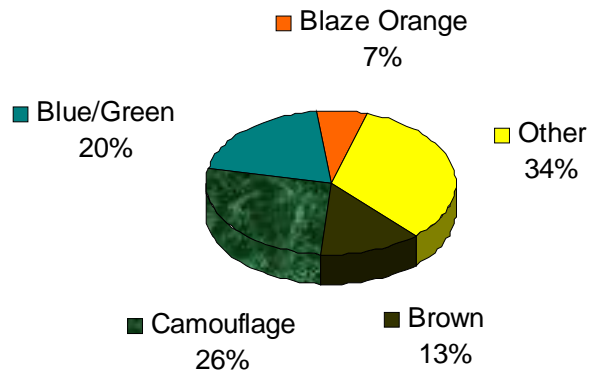
## Coat or Vest



# Incident Victim Clothing Color

Two-Party Incidents 2008

## Trousers



**2008 HUNTING INCIDENTS BY COUNTY  
(ALL INCIDENTS)**

COUNTY	# INCIDENTS	COUNTY	# INCIDENTS
Adams		Marathon	
Ashland		Marinette	
Barron		Marquette	
Bayfield		Menominee	
Brown		Milwaukee	
Buffalo	2	Monroe	
Burnett	2	Oconto	
Calumet		Oneida	
Chippewa		Outagamie	1
Clark		Ozaukee	
Columbia		Pepin	1
Crawford	2	Pierce	
Dane		Polk	1
Dodge		Portage	
Door		Price	1
Douglas		Racine	1
Dunn	1	Richland	
Eau Claire		Rock	
Florence		Rusk	1
Fond du Lac		St. Croix	1
Forest		Sauk	
Grant	1	Sawyer	
Green		Shawano	3
Green Lake	1	Sheboygan	1
Iowa		Taylor	
Iron	2	Trempealeau	
Jackson		Vernon	
Jefferson	1	Vilas	
Juneau	2	Walworth	
Kenosha		Washburn	
Kewaunee	1	Washington	2
La Crosse		Waukesha	
Lafayette		Waupaca	
Langlade	1	Waushara	
Lincoln		Winnebago	
Manitowoc	1	Wood	



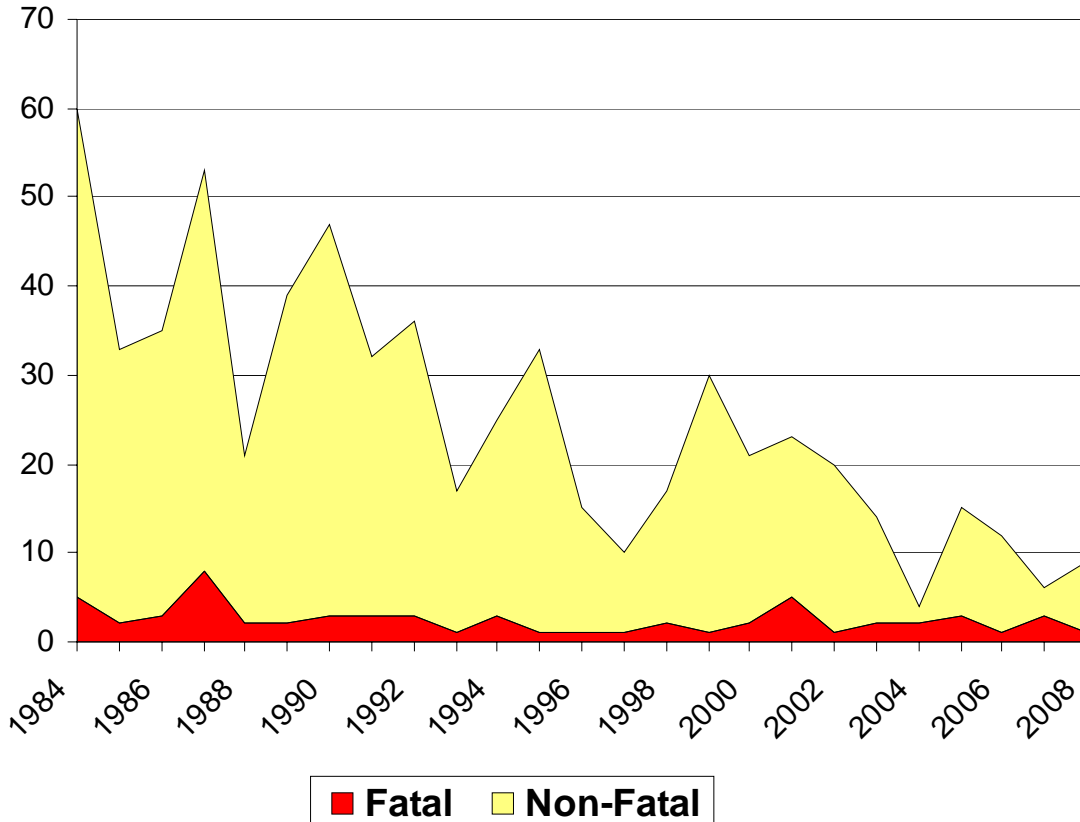
**2008 HUNTING INCIDENTS BY DEER MANAGEMENT UNIT  
(ALL INCIDENTS)**

DMU	INCIDENTS	DMU	INCIDENTS	DMU	INCIDENTS
01				60A	
01M		36		60B	
02		37		60M	1
03		38		61	2
04		39		61A	
05		40		62A	
06		41		62B	
07		42		63A	4
08		43		63B	
09		44		64	1
10	2	45		64M	
11		46	1	65A	
12		47		65B	
13		48		66	
14		49A		67A	
15		49B		67B	
16	1	50		68A	1
17		51A		68B	2
18		51B		69	1
19		52		69C	
20	1	52A		70	
21		53		70 A	
22		54A		70B	
22A		54B		70C	
23		54BCWD		70D	
23A		54C		70E	
24	1	55		70F	
25		56	2	70G	
26		57		71	
27		57A		72	
28	2	57B		72A	
29A		57C		73A	
29B		57D		73B	1
30		58		73D	
31		59A		73E	
32		59B	2	74A	
33		59C		74B	2
34		59D		75A	
35		59M		75B	

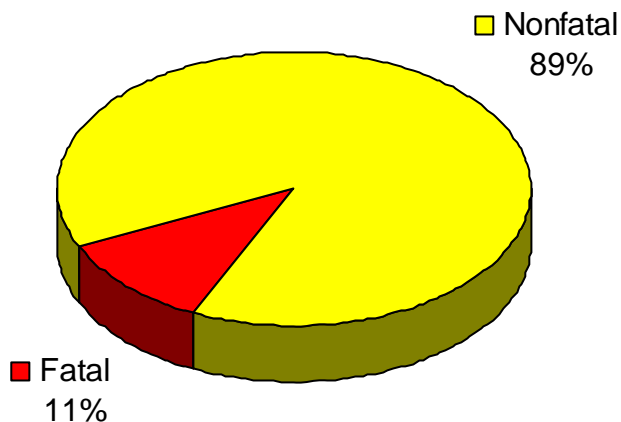
**2008 HUNTING INCIDENTS BY DEER MANAGEMENT UNIT  
(ALL INCIDENTS)**

DMU	INCIDENTS
75C	
75D	
76A	1
76C	
76M	
77A	
77B	1
77C	
77D	
77E	
77M	
78	
79	
80A	
80B	1
80C	
81	
82	
90	
MCC	

# History of Gun Deer Incidents



## 2008 Gun Deer Season Incidents



# Gun Deer Season Incidents 2008



**Non Fatal = 8**

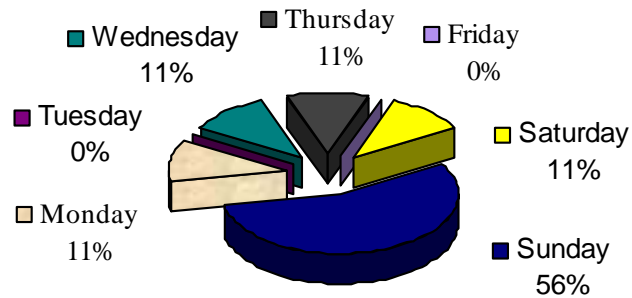
**Fatal = 1 (Outagamie County)**

**Total = 9**

**1.4 incidents per 100,000 deer hunters**

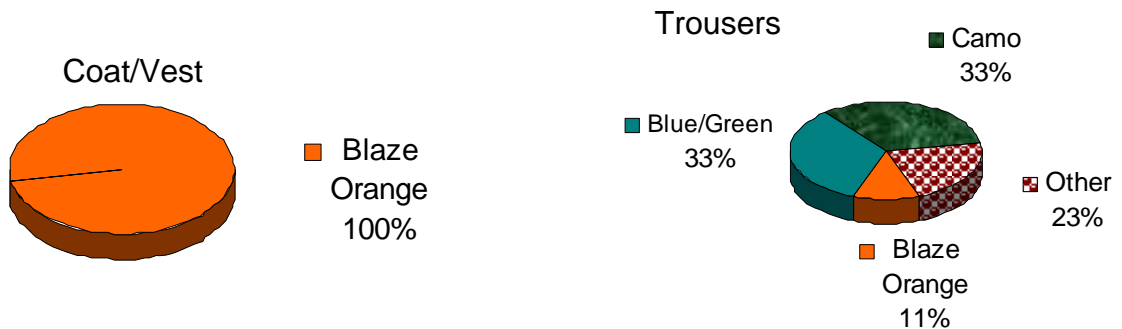
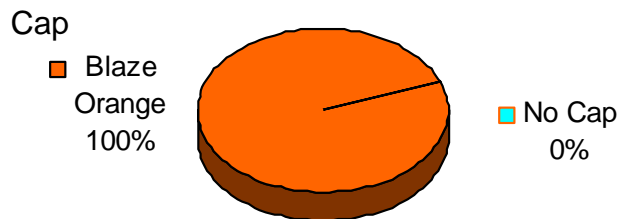
# Incidents by Day of Week

2008 Gun Deer Season



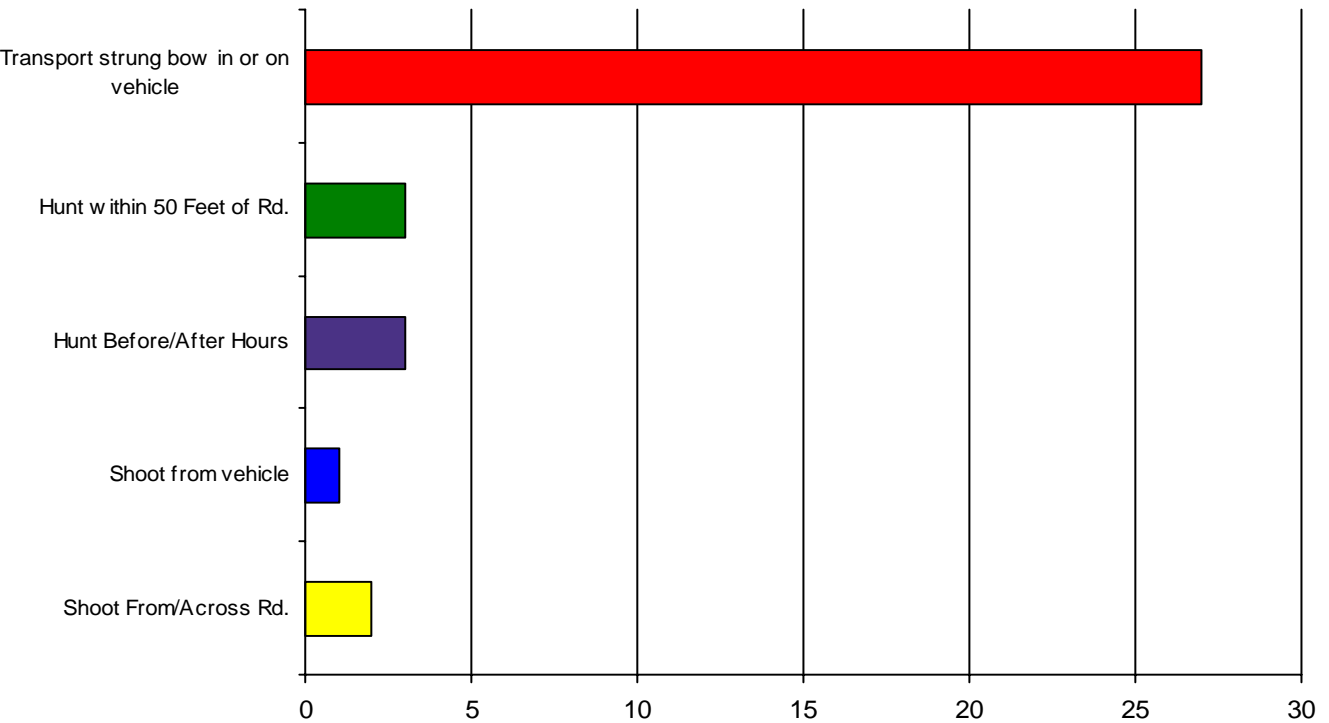
# Incident Victim Clothing Color

2008 Gun Deer Season - Two-Party Incidents



# 2008 Deer Season Safety Violations

## Archery



# 2008 Deer Season Safety Violations

## Firearms

